

NDSD Article
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The holidays proved to be a welcome break for all of us here at NDSD. It let the students and the staff members recharge their batteries and prepare for the home stretch. Everyone is back and hit the ground running for 2009.

We would like to welcome a new student for 2009, Cody. He is a kindergarten student and we are glad to have him with us. He has a dog at home named Gunner.

Our basketball team got right back to it and are doing well. They are showing constant improvement and continue to play hard. Last week they beat the Minnie H Pistons by a score of 43-32. Leading the way for the Bulldogs was one of our 5th graders with 20 points followed closely by Austin with 17.



Speaking of Austin, we are very proud to announce the he was named the Student of the Month at CMS in January. Austin is the son of our Art Teacher, Terry. He is in 7th grade. Other than basketball, Austin enjoys playing Monopoly. He spends time watching the History and Discovery channels. His favorite classes are science, math and gym. Keep up the good work Austin.

Two of our high school students recently visited the Devils Lake Post Office. They spent time with the Postmaster and toured the facility. They were amazed at the speed that the mail can be sorted. In the time that a person can sort 1,000 letters, the machine can do 40,000. The Devils Lake Post Office sorts mail for 51 towns.



On February 2nd we all celebrated the 100th day of school. All events that day focused around the number 100. The students listed their 100 favorite books, researched 100 scientists, measured 100 inches, thought of ways to spend \$100, and they all wore the number 100 on them in same fashion for the day. A snack was served toward the end of the day. They were cookies made in the shape of the number 100, what else?

Shane, one of our middle school students, is taking part in shooting sports class this winter. The NDSU Extension branch and the Devils Lake 4H teach a rifle marksman ship class in the basement of the Memorial Building. Shane is participating in the beginner's class. They will learn firearms safety as well as several shooting positions. Shane is enjoying the class and shooting very well.

The staff and faculty have started their own "Biggest Loser" contest. This is our way at NDSU to be more aware of our health. 18 members have taken a pledge to lose 479 pounds in twelve weeks. After week one, things are going well. Everyone lost weight and as a group, left behind 98.2 pounds.

Just a reminder that winter swimming is in full force and a great way to escape the nasty weather for a while. The pool is open to the public every Saturday from one o'clock to three o'clock. The cost is \$2 and goes to the Devils Lake Park Board.

NDSU has been the host to the Special Olympics basketball program for a few weeks now. Every Monday evening they hold two practice sessions in our gymnasium. The group of about 30 players is split into two sessions by age and ability levels. The younger group practices first for an hour and a half, then the older group takes the floor for the same amount of time. One of our staff members, Leroy Shereck is coaching and three of our students are playing on the team. Lynn, Chantel, and another student are having a great time and learning a ton about basketball. Kim Shereck and Ryan Hanson are assisting with the coaching duties. The Shereck's daughter, Cassidy, is also on the team. The teams will play against each other on February 17th at halftime of the Firebirds game.



Things have been busy for our outreach staff as well. There are currently 33 children ages 0-3 enrolled in the Parent-Infant Program. Anna Wuitschick, Tamil Iszler, Nicole Witikko, Linda Ehlers and Carol Lybeck are all up to speed on their certification with SKI*HI. SKI*HI deals with training for combating hearing loss in its earliest stages. Training includes topics such as early identification, communication methodologies, family visits and many other topics. The staff has also been busy presenting at workshops. Presentations have been made in Bismarck, Minot and Dickinson with many more to come. Tami Iszler and Linda Ehlers also participated in the Education Standards Practice Board. This meeting was to set the testing scores to be licensed as a teacher of the deaf in North Dakota.